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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have relied (and continue to do so) on the Internet for my personal and small business communication. Being able to use a smaller company, such as Sonic.net makes it possible. I also use a landline for voice service. VOIP is still not up to the task, often being low quality and subject to echo. To compound the problem, when the Internet connection is down, so is the VOIP service!

Allowing large telecom companies to disable access to part of the critical infrastructure will drive me out of business and isolate me from friends and family.

The major telecom companies are not affordable for people such as myself, their servicing is slow, difficult to get and largely inexperienced, in my experience.

Do not allow them to remove access to this critical part of the technology that services a significant portion of the population. Without it we will be priced out of the market!

Yours

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